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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000. INSTALLED FUND, \$2,500,000. NEW SHARES, 926,765.62.

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Intimations.

BOATS will be at the DOCKYARD STREPS at five minutes to 4, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, the 2nd February, to convey GUESTS to ADMIRAL WILLES' DANCE, on board H.M.S. Audacious. Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 187

COMPTON D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS. MR. J. ARRANGER has been appointed Agent for this Bank in Hongkong. B. G. VOUILLEMON, Manager. Shanghai, 23rd January, 1884. 167

THE SINGAPORE TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED. CAPITAL, \$500,000. IN SHARES OF \$100 EACH; 55 PAYABLE ON APPLICATION; \$20 ON ALLOTMENT; THE REMAINDER AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

Directors. Hon. JAMES GRAHAM, M.L.C., (Messrs. PATERSON, SIMONS & Co.) Hon. W. G. GULLAND, M.L.C., (Messrs. THE BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.) Hon. ANDREW CURRIE, M.L.C., (Messrs. THE BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.) JOHN R. CUTHBERTSON, Esq., (Messrs. THE BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.)

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ONG KEU HO, Esq., (Messrs. ONG KEU HO & Co.) JOHN STRAIN, Esq., C.E., Glasgow. (Messrs. PUTTICK, KILGUS & Co.)

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA. Office, 14, COLLYER QUAY, SINGAPORE. SYME & CO., General Agents.

Object. To construct and work Tramways, for the carriage of passengers and goods, and in the important, populous and rapidly increasing town of Singapore, under authority given by Ordinance of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

Applications for SHARES may be sent in to any of the Agencies and Branches of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, from which Copies of the Prospectus can be obtained.

Applications from China will be received up to the 20th of February, 1884.

Singapore, 8th December, 1883. 183

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of 6% or \$1.50 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be Payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after TO-MORROW (Wednesday), the 30th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for WARRANTS. By Order of the Board of Directors. P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 176

NOTICE. H. CAMPBELL, late of Foochow, has the honour to inform the Gentry and Public of Hongkong, that he has OPENED A FIRST-CLASS HAIR-DRESSING SALOON at BAXE BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL. Mr. CAMPBELL'S Assistant, Messrs DUTTOY and ORTO, are thoroughly experienced in their Business, the former being from one of the leading San Francisco Establishments, while the latter was for many years connected with Mr. W. R. BARNES'S Establishment in Hongkong. Mr. CAMPBELL hopes, by strict attention to the wants of the Public, to merit a share of their Patronage. Hongkong, January 24, 1884. 247

SEE WOO, TAILOR, DRAPEL & OUTFITTER. No. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Has just Received by French Mail, CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND DRAB FELT HATS, AND TWEED HATS, (of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET SOAPS. All Sorts of GENTLEMEN'S WINTER CLOTHING, &c., &c. DAWSON & SONS' GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS AND SHOES. WHITE AND COLOURED KID GLOVES. Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1052

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. QUARANTINE IN EUROPE.

PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS of the above Company's Steamers are informed that QUARANTINE ESPERIMENTATIONS have been reduced at MARSEILLES to 24 hours (performed on board the Steamer), and at VENICE to 3 days.

QUARANTINE will probably be removed from all ports by the time Steamers now leaving CHINA will arrive in the MEDITERRANEAN.

PASSENGERS by the Company's Steamers have always the option of continuing the journey on to LONDON, on payment of the difference of fare. A. MOTVER, Superintendent. Hongkong, January 20, 1884. 109

E. J. DURNY, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC. LESSONS given on the PIANO and VIOLIN. Terms Moderate. Address, c/o THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE. Hongkong, December 18, 1883. 1137

For Sale.

THE PATENT.

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Hongkong, January 30, 1884. 183

SAYLE & CO'S GREAT CLEARANCE SALE. CARPETS! CARPETS! CARPETS! — AND — GENERAL FURNISHING GOODS.

DRESSES. MILINERY. JACKETS. HOSIERY. RIBBONS. LACES. CALICOES. FLANNELS. SHOES. REMNANTS. REMNANTS. REMNANTS.

COMMENCING ON

MONDAY NEXT,

the 4th February, and following days.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 192

Intimations.

ROBT. SIM & CO'S PATENT ANTI-FORGERY COMPOSITION. (as supplied to Her Majesty's Ships, The P. & O. S. N. Co.; The Douglas Steamship Company; The Japanese Government.) Sole Agent, China, Japan, and Manila, EDWARD GEORGE. Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

NOTICE. THE COMMISSION appointed to enquire into certain CHARGES of CORRUPTION which have recently been Publicly made against the OFFICERS of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT has commenced its sittings, and all Persons who have any information to give upon the subject matter of its Enquiries are invited to communicate with the SECRETARY. All such Communications if desired will be considered Confidential. ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Secretary. Council Chamber, Hongkong, January 3, 1884. 20

TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG. THE TRUSTEES of St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, and themselves compelled to appeal to the liberality of Residents here for assistance in providing the Cathedral with a New Organ, the instrument at present in use being so far deteriorated by climatic causes as not to be worth the very extensive repairs which alone could make it serviceable. Its state must have been evident to those who have attended Divine Service for some time back, and it is doubtful whether it can be used much longer.

The Organ was built in 1860 and paid for by public subscription. An Organ ought, doubtless, to last much longer than 24 years in a good climate, but, besides the fact that the mistake seems to have been made in the first instance of selecting a cheap instrument, in 1860 makers knew even less than they do now about equalling against the effect of tropical heat and damp. Moreover, by the unfortunate clanking up of a roof gutter during a typhoon some years ago, the interior of the Organ (even then beginning to break up) was deluged with water.

It is proposed to give the order to Messrs. WALKER & SONS, who have just successfully erected a fine Organ at Shanghai, and whose representative has himself seen the damage (irreparable to the workman who has never been out of England) which years of this climate are capable of effecting.

The cost of an Organ suited to the Cathedral, laid down in Hongkong, and including the expenses of a skilled workman to come out and put it up, is estimated at \$2,000, or \$22,000. This sum will not be regarded as extravagant if it is borne in mind that pipes which in England are made of deal, glued together, have, for the East, to be made of mahogany, secured with brass bands, everything else being similarly fortified. An Organ so prepared should last with proper care and occasional renewals of perishable parts, fifty or sixty years over a this climate.

It is evident that such a sum as \$12,000 cannot be provided out of the current revenue of the Cathedral, which only meets, and even that with difficulty, the current expenditure. The Trustees feel assured, however, that the Community will not feel disposed to see the only considerable Organ in the Colony disappear from our midst, and they make this Appeal not doubting to meet with the same success as their predecessors a quarter of a century ago.

Contributions may be forwarded to the CATHEDRAL TREASURER, General Post Office, Hongkong, December 31, 1883. 1242

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE. AS the Post of SECRETARY to the Company is about to become vacant Applications for same will be received at the Head Office up to 1st February next. By Order of the Board of Directors, WM. REINERS, Chairman. Hongkong, January 3, 1884. 27

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED. THE Third Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of February, 1884, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1883, and the Report of the General Managers.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th January to 6th February, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, January 10, 1884. 126

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, PRAYA CENTRAL, on THURSDAY, 7th February next, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors. RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, January 30, 1884. 184

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of £210 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the abovementioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank. Holders of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/4d. or 353.83 per Share. INTEREST at the Rate of 7% per Annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 1121

Mr. Andrew Wind, NEWS AGENT, &c. 133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK; is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, Overland China Mail, and China Review.

For Sale.

FOR SALE. JULES MUMM & Co's CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, £20 per 1 doz. Case. Pints, £21 per 1 doz. Case. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 20, 1883. 1177

FOR SALE CHEAP. FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards. CHOY CHEW, 230, Praya West. Hongkong, June 18, 1883. 1270

NOW ON SALE. A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. EITEL. CHONG CHOW, PR. 1018. HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, £2.50 Part II. L-M, £2.50 Part III. N-O, £2.50 Part IV. P-T, £3.00

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This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kangxi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while systematically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written-Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purpose of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

PUBLICATIONS OF J. DYER BALL. "CANTONESE MADE EASY." A Book of SIMILE SENTENCES in the CANTONESE DIALECT, with Free and Literal Translations; and Directions for the purpose of English Grammatical Forms into Chinese and vice versa.—Price, £2. Later-issued Copies, £2.50.

"We most cordially recommend it."—China Review. "Will be found of use to supply a want long felt by students of Cantonese."—Daily Press. "Mr. BALL'S Notes on Classifiers and Grammar will be found very valuable."—China Mail.

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FOR SALE at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, V. BUCHER'S, and LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, Hongkong; and at Messrs. TRIMMER & Co.'s, London. Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

To Let. TO LET. A GODOWN, in BLUE BUILDING. Apply to C. P. CHATER. Hongkong, January 5, 1884. 41

TO LET. (With Immediate Possession.) N. O. 25B, PRAYA CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES. Apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1884. 37

TO LET. N. O. 25B, PRAYA CENTRAL. No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 163

GODOWN-STO-LE-T. PRAYA EAST and WANGCHAI ROAD. For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, April 20, 1882. 767

TO LET. THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. For further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 226

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., &c. WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced European. Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms. 24th September, 1883. 611

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 2nd February, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, AN ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE WARE, BRONZES, &c., comprising:—

VASES, JARS, CUP DISHES, PLATES, INCENSE BURNERS, TEA SETS, EGG-SHELL WARE, BRONZES, ORNAMENTS, &c., &c. GLAZED VASES from 6 inches to 66 inches high.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, January 30, 1884. 185

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES. STEAMSHIP "SAGHALIEN." COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships Indus and Gange, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and White Goods—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optimal time will be for forwarding unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 10 a.m. To-day, the 30th Instant, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 6th February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All Claims must be sent in to me before the 8th February or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. I. MARTIN, Acting Agent. Hongkong, January 30, 1884. 179

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. E. S. "KUMAMOTO MARU" FROM KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Goods impeding the discharge or remaining on board after MONDAY, the 28th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. E. J. H. TRIPP, Agent. Mitsui Bussai Mail S. S. Co. Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 161

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. THE Co's Steamship "Hector," Capt. BILLINGS, will be despatched on or about the 13th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, January 20, 1884. 174

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.) The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co's Steamship "Tennant," Capt. S. G. GREEN, will be despatched on or about TUESDAY, the 12th February.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. on the 11th February. Contents and value of the Packages must be declared. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 10, 1884. 75

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND.) The Steamship "Woolmer," Capt. HUNT, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th February, at 4 p.m. This Vessel has unusually good Cabin Accommodation, situated amidships, upon the upper deck. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, January 15, 1884. 90

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Clam CHOWDER.
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BORDO'S OLD TOM.
E. & J. BURN'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOLLY PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
CHADDER'S GINGER BRANDY.
EASTERN CIDER.
CHATEAUBRE.
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BITTERS.
&c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, prints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURN, prints and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIAL SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's GUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAVES, OASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.
Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Mails.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Also,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PELEIAN,
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
BRINDISI, Captain J. REEVE, will
be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY
and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the
5th February, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
Silk and Valuable for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General
Cargo for London will be conveyed
via Bombay without transhipment, arriving
one week later than by the ordinary direct
route via Colombo.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.
The Outlets and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Company's
Black Bills of Lading.
N.B.—This Steamship takes Cargo and Passengers
for MARSEILLES.
A. MOYEL, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 162

INSURANCES.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
The Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
rates.
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 853

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

Not Responsible for Debits.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt, contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNETT, Italian barque, Captain F.
Repetto.—Musso & Co.
BONNIE LASSIE, British barque, Capt. F.
Cherke.—Gillman & Co.
CHARLEY, British barque, Captain J. C.
Choochian.—Oder.

DAKOZA, American ship, Captain J. F.
Gibkey.—Oder.
MAIR LOUISE, German barque, Capt. N.
Behring.—Melchers & Co.
QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt.
Jas. Mahor.—Butterfield & Swire.

QUICKSTEP, American barquentine, Capt.
J. E. Jacobson.—Russell & Co.
SEMBELIA, British steamer, Captain
Powell.—Russell & Co.

TITANIA, Austro-Hungarian str., Captain
G. Marussig.—Melchers & Co.
WILHELM, German barque, Captain W.
Spiegelberg.—Stensen & Co.
WILHELM HOFMEYER, Ger. barque, Capt.
W. Holz.—G. L. Lammert.

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF
LOGAN at CANTON that appeared in
the China Mail has been printed in PAM-
PHLET FORM, and is now on Sale—
Price, 30 Cents.
Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. FEB. 1, 1884.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Div. Dividend.	Closing Quota.
BANKS							
H.K. & S'hai Bank	10,000	125	125	3,198,336	52,500.62	22	161 1/2 = \$320 1/2
INSURANCES							
Nth. China Ins.	5,000	200	200	50,000	—	18	TL 1360 p. sh.
Yangtze Ins. Co.	8,000	25	25	50,000	—	18	TL 1360 p. sh.
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000	1,250	125	50,000	576,391.00	18.20	\$620
Insurance	24,000	83,333	275	600,000	107,411.65	32	\$378
C'ien Ins. Office	10,000	250	50	506,127.77	10	10	\$107 1/2
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	1,000	200	100,378	839,731	3	\$200
H.K. Fire Ins.	3,000	250	50	861,000	260,732.56	60	\$385
China Fire Ins.	20,000	100	20	500,000	106,366.49	30	\$74
STEAM FAVORITE							
H.K. & M. Steamboat	8,000	100	75	200,000	41,320.95	6	\$123
Indo-China S.	120,000	10	10	—	—	—	25 dis.
China & Manila S. S. Coy., Ltd.	3,500	100	all	—	—	—	par.
MISCELLANEOUS							
H.K. & Whampoa Dock	10,000	125	125	18,000	2,083.04	4	\$42 p. sh.
H.K. and China Gas Co.	5,000	100	100	57,768.14	1,144.13	—	\$84 p. share
H'kong Hotel	2,000	100	100	30,000	39,000	—	\$3
China Sugar Co.	0,000	100	100	5,895.66	\$3	—	\$127 1/2
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250	100	100	15,250	687.06	12	\$185
H'kong Bakery	600	50	50	4,000	253.45	5	\$82
Luzon Sugar Co.	7,000	100	100	—	4,000.05	—	\$93
Perak Tin Mining & Smelting Company	3,000	50	all	—	—	—	\$190
LOANS							
Chi. Imp.	1874	6,270	100	all	—	8	—
" "	1877	10,040	400	all	—	8	—
" "	1878	3,890	TL	500	all	8	—
" "	1881	8,568	TL	500	all	8	—
Sugar Devel. ture, 1880	600	500	all	8	—	—	2 1/2 prem.

* For 6 months to 30th June.—Dividend for 1882 and Bonus of 25 per cent.—To 30th April
1883.—For year 1881.—For half year ended 30th June 1883.

EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.**
DAYS & D'ANGELO, Lessees.
TO-MORROW EVENING,
the 2nd February, 1884.

THE LOFTY TROUPE
WILL REPEAT (BY REQUEST)
**H. J. BYRON'S CELEBRATED
COMEDY
"OUR BOYS."**

This famous comedy enjoyed the longest
and most successful run in the City of London
of any production of the English Stage,
having been played at the Vaudeville
Theatre over fifteen hundred consecutive
nights. It has been played with great success
by the Loftys Theatre in the Principal
Cities of South Africa and America.

C.A.S.
SIR GEORGE CHAMBERS (a Country Magistrate)..... Mr. Jeff. D'Angelo.
TALBOT CHAMBERS (his Son)..... C. J. Barber.
FERNY MIDDLEWICK (or DEFOURNE House)..... F. W. Oakland.
CHARLES MIDDLEWICK (his Son)..... Bartley O'Brien.
KEMPTON (Sir George's Man Servant)..... J. W. Allen.
CLAUDE CHAMBERS (Sir George's Sister)..... Florence Conliffe.
DELINDA (a Lodging House Slave)..... Dolly Loftus.

Act 1.—At the Buttermilk's.
Scene.—Pecky Middlewick's Country House.
Act 2.—At the same place.
Scene.—Drawing Room at Sir George's.
Act 3.—Mrs. Fatcham's Three-Pair Back.
Scene.—The Floor at a London Lodging House.

Seven months are supposed to have elapsed.
Act 3.—Mrs. Fatcham's Three-Pair Back.
Scene.—The Floor at a London Lodging House.

N.B.—TUESDAY, 5th February,
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ASIA
OF
The Celebrated Comic Opera, entitled
THE DOCTOR OF ALICANTARA.

Which has enjoyed a long successful run in
London, Paris, New York, Madrid,
and Berlin, and favourably received
throughout the United States and
Australia, this performance
being for the benefit of the
Popular Comedian
MR. JEFF. D'ANGELIS.
FULL CHORUS BY
DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN AMATEURS.
Particulars Anon.

In Active Preparation,
T. W. ROUSSEAU'S Popular Comedy
"OURS!"
Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S,
where Seats may be secured.
J. CHAS. DAVIS,
Manager.
BARTLEY O'BRIEN,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 136

CIGARS.
J. M. FLEMING'S "Specials" and
"Square Smokes" in boxes of 100
each. The Company GENERAL'S "Prin-
cesses" in boxes of 50.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 189

To-day's Advertisements.
STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
"Bangalore"
will leave for the above
places on SATURDAY, 9th February, at
2 p.m.
A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 106

STEAM TO MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Kameralda,"
Capt. HERRISON, will be
despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, 2nd February, at
5 p.m.
Manila Cargo will not be received later
than Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 198

UNION LINE.
FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.
The Steamship
"Harbin,"
Captain GRADIN, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, 3rd Inst., at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 199

**STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.**
(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-
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Cargo received on board and Parcels at
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Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.
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Company's Office, P. & O. Central, Ground
Floor of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 101

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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General Managers.
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 193

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**
FOR SWATOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Thales,"
Captain FRODO, will be
despatched for the above
Port on TUESDAY, the 6th Inst., at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 194

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
D O M B A Y.

ON TUESDAY, the 12th February,
1884, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. O X U S, Commandant RAPHAEL,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 11th February, 1884.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. of the 11th February, 1884. (Parcels are
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the Agency Office.)
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I. MARTIN,
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Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 197

HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.
THE TWELFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION
will be held in the ROYAL GARDENS
on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th
and 15th February, 1884.
All Exhibitors must be entered not later
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Admission.—First Day, 81; Second Day,
20 Cents.
Tickets for the First Day may be obtained
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CHARLES FORD,
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Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 195

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
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Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 202

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**EAST POINT SUGAR REFINERS'
CUPS.**
1st Prize, value \$30.
2nd Prize, " 20.

THE following is a List of the YACHTS
entered, and their Stations for TO-
MORROW'S RACE:—

No. 1, Mr. Nazer's "Sunbeam," 7 tons.
2, Mr. Tripp's "Saskia," 7 " "
3, Mr. Wolke's "Arrow," 5 " "
4, Mr. Falconer's "Thistle," 6 " "
5, Mr. McCallum's "Eva," 7 " "
6, Mr. Taylor's "Ocean," 7 " "
7, Mr. Smith's "Jay," 7 " "
8, Mr. Diddle's "Isis," 7 " "

THE HANDICAPPING for this RACE is
similar to that made by Mr. Tripp for the
One presented by him a short time ago.
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 200

UNION LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Harbin, Captain GRADIN,
having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Freight Insurance will be effected.
Optional cargo will be forwarded on to
YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, 2nd Feb.
All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 8th Inst., or they will not be recognized.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 201

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
January 31, 1884:—
Hokoku, British steamer, 899, Alfred
Vardin, Sydney Jan. 8, via Queenland
Ports, and Port Darwin 22, General.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
February 1:—
Nanaka, British steamer, 863, G. D. Pit-
man, Foochow Jan. 25, Amoy 28, and
Swatow 31, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
Co.
Japan, British steamer, 1,855, T. S.
Gardner, Calcutta Jan. 10, Penang 23, and
Singapore 25; 1,033 chests Opium, 5,722
bales Cotton, 772 bales Gunnies, 2,845 bags
Saltpeetre, and 3,500 pkgs. of Sundries.—
DAVID BASSON, Sons & Co.
Emeralda, British steamer, 335, T. Hut-
chinson, Manila Jan. 25, General.—RUS-
SELL & Co.
Kung-pai, Chinese steamer, from Canton.
Bangalore,

else. A wealthy comprador flitting a hundred dollar bill across a table, and a coolie or two risking his month's pay at their respective clubs, may be the same in principle, but the consequences are frequently, though not invariably, very different. The one is not inconceivable by his night's amusement; the other, beggared, tempered with his master's goods. There is another class of clubs which exist for the special purpose of affording men from America and elsewhere an opportunity of getting rid of their hard earned coin. The attempt is carried on in a style so finished as to cast into the shade the clumsy attempts at hussiness and throwing pepper, of which we occasionally read in the police reports. We are informed that as soon as a steamer arrives from Singapore, runners from these institutions hurry on board and ingratiate themselves with such passengers who they think have purses well-lined. The cooks of the steamers, who are frequently in league with the runners from the shore, furnish the necessary information. Gullied by the ever ready coolie-and-all story, the passenger, under the guidance of the runner, is conducted to the native hotel, where, however, there is nothing much to complain of. After a week at sea, the new arrival is in search of a little amusement, which his newly found friend is always willing to provide by an introduction to the "club," alias "shipping agencies," alias "labour employment offices," where he is invited to sit down at the hospitable board, from which foreign luxuries are not altogether absent. Joviality is promoted by *cham-moot* and other innocent incentives to drink, and bright eyed, enraptured *choked* *demok-selles* are there to wait, sing, and make love to him. The fly is now in the chamber of the spider. After a pull at the opium pipe play is proposed, and happy is he who escapes with a moiety of his earnings.

The next operation is more dextrous still, and is the work of a gang. A number of well dressed Chinese men, about the Canton and Ghee's whorls, and these, with everying in tact, spot the new arrival, let us say, from America. A trifling service rendered forms the introduction. "Your noble surname?" asks the polite stranger? "From America 'eh? Did you know—" (mentioning a leading Chinaman in San Francisco. "His wife's sick,"—and the breed, seed and generation *in Chinese* is discussed, probably mutual friends are found, or they prove to be fellow classmates. A retirement is then suggested to a restaurant to discuss the matter over a cup of *bohea*. The restaurant happens to be a club, and the tea is perhaps drugged. The newly found cousin is introduced to a very rich man from Manila, who looks every bit a fool but who is in reality a clever confederate. Play is next proposed, and bags of *sham* dollars, neatly labelled, are placed on the table. At last after the measure of the man is taken, it is proposed to cheat the fool from Manila, and of course the game ends in San Francisco *reaching* off to the charge room, a wiser and sadder man, avowing that he has been drugged, robbed and "shanghai'd." When the police make enquiries nothing remains but empty walls. The information given above can be gathered from our police reports or, from the Chinese themselves, who consider these clubs an unmitigated evil in our midst. The members are conscious that they are toying the line pretty closely, and some of their club buildings are, we understand, provided with two, or more, entrances, watchmen dawdling in the doorways ready to give the alarm when a doubtful looking individual is sighted. Other establishments are, we are told, provided with stained glass windows, or so constructed that the phying room cannot be overlooked.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Passed *Canton*, *Chienyang*, Jan. 1; *Hankow*, *Nestor*, and *Chienyang*, Jan. 8.

The next *English Mail*, by the P. & O. Co's steamer *Ganges*, left Singapore on Sunday, the 27th ultimo, at 6 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on or about Saturday, the 2nd instant.

The S.S. *Leona* left Singapore for this port on the 26th ultimo.

The P. & O. Co's str. *Aloula* left Singapore on the 27th ultimo.

The O. S. S. Co's str. *Antenor* left Singapore on the 27th ultimo.

The O. S. S. Co's str. *Diomed* left Singapore on the 30th ultimo.

ORDER OF SERVICE AT UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, FEB. 3RD.
Hymns: 333, 365, 290, 248; Psalm: 93; Tunes: page, 122, 165, 133, 112, 120.

No further telegrams have been received respecting the loss of the S. S. *Chienyang*.

We understand that a claim for \$40,000 has been made by the sufferers by the recent fire at Nos. 41 and 43 Queen's Road West, against one of the insurance offices.

The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co's steamer *Tanadice* left Port Darwin for Hongkong, on the 30th January, and is expected here on or about the 5th inst.

To-day, the *Andri* and *Triumph* went to Aberdeen Dock, and the *Komanto Maru* left the same. The *Diamante* will leave, and the *Kongkong* will go to, Aberdeen Dock to-morrow.

This Hongkong Volunteers will parade in full dress, under arms, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 6th February, at Head Quarters, on which occasion the prizes won at the Annual Frolics will be presented by Lady Bowen.

The S. S. *Hobson*, Captain Vardie, which arrived here last night, completed her round to the Australian Ports in the unprecedented short time of two months. She left here on the 30th November, and in the interval has travelled over eleven thousand miles, and entered ports for loading and discharging sixteen times.

The following are the results of the auction for opium farming which took place in Manila on the 28th Jan.:—For the island of Negros \$60,050, or \$42,100 above the upset price; for Cebu and Bohol, \$63,156, or \$29,850 above the upset price; for Iloilo and Antique, \$104,709, or \$43,658 above the upset price. The farming is for three years.

The American barque *B. Wile*, and the German barque *Haghigh* (7), arrived at Manila from Newcastle on the 26th Jan.—The Danish brig *Loden* arrived at Manila from Newcastle on the 28th Jan.—The British barque *Crown Prince*, from Wilmington (California), arrived at Manila on the 26th Jan.—News from Cebu on the 21st January reports the arrival there of the American barque *Great Surgeon* from Batavia, and the Norwegian barque *Broderne* from Hongkong.

We hear on good authority that several changes have been made in the Portuguese Consular Service in China. Mr. Loureiro, the worthy representative of Portugal in this Colony, has been definitely transferred to Japan with residence in Tokio. It is not yet known for certain who will succeed Mr. Loureiro here, but, taking into consideration the many claims of Commander A. G. Romano to consideration at the hands of the Lisbon Government and his well-known abilities and long experience in the Consular Service of that nation, we think it may be taken as a foregone conclusion that that gentleman will be ultimately raised to the honor of Consul General, in fact, we believe, that it has already been offered to Mr. Romano. The salary of the Consul in Shanghai has been raised from \$300 to \$450 per month. It is said that Dr. Cortes-Rodriguez will probably be nominated to this Consulate.

This afternoon, the Ladies Recreation Club of Hongkong was formally opened by Lady Bowen in the presence of a number of ladies and gentlemen. The idea of a Ladies Recreation Club was mooted some months ago, and met with such approval among the ladies that a number of them at once took steps to try and realize the idea. This they have very successfully accomplished, and the ladies of Hongkong are now in possession of a resort where they can obtain physical recreation of the most health-giving and bracing kind. Four spacious lawn tennis courts, each one forming a terrace, have been constructed at an inconsiderable trouble and expense on a pretty site on the face of the hill, quite close to the road to the Peak, and very easy of access. Here the ladies will be able to enjoy in quiet and without interruption the pleasures of the Queen of ladies' outdoor games. The floors of two of the courts are of chuanan, and the other two are the ordinary grass courts. The latter will be greatly improved after the rains. A nice flight of broad steps runs down the side of the courts, which are all enclosed by a railing. Perhaps, when the funds of the Club permit, a pavilion will be built on the spot, but in the meantime there is no shelter of any kind erected. This afternoon, a small *maquisse* was put up on the uppermost court, and from this, refreshments were supplied. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Marsh, who has been most prominent and energetic promoter of the scheme, and the Misses Bowen; while among the gentlemen we noticed His Excellency Major-General Sargent, Sir G. Phillips, and Admiral Goltz. Lady Bowen having opened the Club by delivering a few balls in one of the Courts, a number of parties were arranged, and, though the weather was rather raw and cold, play was carried on vigorously during the afternoon. The Band of the Buffs, under Bandmas or Quinn, enlivened the proceedings by performing a very pleasing selection of music.

SPRINGING to Paris correspondent of the *Times* on the 16th December, the Marquis Tsong declared: "I distinctly affirm that China will break off official relations with France if she takes either Sontai or Baeninh." Three or four days after this declaration was made it was known in Paris that the French troops had made a successful attack upon the defenses of Sontai; and official relations between France and China have not yet been broken off. It remains to be seen if the declaration of the Marquis with respect to an attack upon Baeninh will prove to be more reliable. We doubt somewhat if the French will attack this place before the arrival of the second batch of reinforcements, now on the water, have reached Tonquin; but according to a telegram in an Australian paper, professing giving a French official statement, the attack is to be made on the arrival of the first batch of reinforcements coming out with General Millot, and which should reach Haiphong about the present date. This telegram reads as follows:—

Paris, December 22.—Advices have been received from Admiral Courbet which state that he was definitely decided to postpone the attack on the position of the Black Flags at Baeninh until the arrival of the reinforcements under the command of General Millot, which are now on their way to Tonquin.

Another telegram gives a rather surprising, and, we fancy, incorrect estimate of the French losses at Sontai:—

Paris, December 30.—The official list of French casualties at the taking of Sontai shows that the losses were heavier than was at first supposed, the number of killed being given as 24 officers and fully 1000 men.

LAWYERS' Championship to be played on Cricket Ground.

First Trial.—Singles.
Holworthy v. Bunbury
Bowles v. De Mesurier
Gray v. Coxon
McKen v. Layton
Rice v. Johnston
Jarrett v. Porter
Bird v. Horley
Hodder v. Connolly
McEwen plays Layton 12/24 4/30 p.m.
Bird " " 2/24 4/30 p.m.
Coxon " Gray 4/24 4/4

This steamship *Nemco* arrived here this morning from the coast ports, but as she left Amoy on the 26th of January, she does not bring any news of the wreck of the *Chienyang*, which did not occur until the 29th. The *Nemco* reports that she experienced a moderate monsoon and fine weather to Swatow; thence to Hongkong fresh monsoon, overcast and dull weather. In Amoy were H. B. M.'s vessel *Cleopatra* and the French frigate *Typhon*; in Swatow on the 31st January were the steamers *Cleopatra*, *Wanchow*, *Thales* and *Yang Ching*. H. M.'s gunboat *Esik* left Swatow on the 31st Jan.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company's steamer *Tenara*, which has been laid up for several months past owing to the accidental breaking of one of her paddle wheels, was placed under the repairs at the Comptroler's Dock yesterday to make the necessary preparation for fixing the new wheel, the greater portion of which will arrive in the steamer *Geneflo* next week, the remaining portion being on board the *Geneflo*, expected to arrive a few days later than the *Geneflo*. The wheel was shipped on board these steamers by the builders of the ship, Messrs A. and J. Eagle, at Glasgow. There is thus a prospect of this magnificent steamer being soon at work again. When she is put on the line, new boilers will be put into the *Chienyang*, and when this is done, the whole of the Company's fleet will be in good order.

The Colonial Council of Saigon, we observe, from the *Independent* of the 19th January, refused an offer from the Havas Agency of a bi-weekly telegraphic service with two monthly messages of the most important news for the sum of \$5,000. The Council authorized a vote of \$4,400 for telegraphic service as at present, under the direction and control of M. Blancbuis, the Deputy in the French Chamber for Cochinchina.—*Straits Times*.

Mr. G. Ranken, representing the Eastern and Australian Fresh Meat Company, whose steamer, the *Finch*, with the bulk *Scio*, has been supplying Batavia with fresh meat for some little time, is at present on a visit to Singapore with the object of ascertaining what prospects there may be of a permanent demand and consumption for Australian Fresh Meat among the resident population and by the numerous passenger steamers that pass through here daily east and west between China and Europe. Should the prospects prove promising, and such as to justify the Directors in the expense, and we justly hope they will, it is the intention to establish a bulk in the harbour with the requisite equipment of freezing machinery, etc., to supply the shipping and the local demand with fresh meat, fresh succulent beef, fresh fruit, &c., and it is sincerely to be hoped that Mr. Ranken will be able to present the Directors of this enterprising Company with such a favourable report as will lead to the establishment of the bulk in the harbour in the course of a month or two.—*Straits Times*.

A SHORT time ago, an opera company, consisting of children, and known as "Pollard's Opera Troupe," gave a series of performances at Singapore, and thence went, we believe, to India. These children had performed all over Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, under the direction of the two Mr. Pollards, one of whom, if we remember rightly, died, or committed suicide, at Bangalore. We observe in the Australian papers that Mr. Pollard is charged with forcibly keeping these children abroad, and away from their homes. Thus in the *Queenslander*, of the 5th instant, we read:—

Some strong comments are made in a recent issue of the *S. M. Herald* on the alleged abduction of young girls belonging to the well-known Pollard troupe. It is stated that these children, whose ages are from 12 to 15, were engaged for a three months' trip to the colonies, and when at Cooktown were threatened and ejected into going on board a mail steamer and taken to Singapore and India. When away from Australia they vainly endeavored to get home, but Mr. Pollard refused to let them go or to return to their representatives. All this was described in our Melbourne correspondence, and on the face of it the statement looks bad. Indeed, the matter was taken up with some warmth in Melbourne, and, according to a recent telegram, Mr. Service has promised to communicate with the Government of India if the parents will make formal complaints. There are, however, some doubtful points in the story. The engagements were made, so it is said, for three months only, as far back as last January, so that the failure to return the children took place nine months ago. The company also sailed for India fully six months ago, and have been performing in several of the English settlements on the Asiatic coast. Their departure was public, and their performances duly chronicled in newspapers. It is remarkable, therefore, that the parents waited so long before making a public complaint, as many of them are by no means very poor people, the Salingers particularly being children of a father who is doing a good business in the city of Melbourne. There are probably two sides to the story, and we have, as yet, only heard one.

Melbourne, Jan. 4th.—Mr. Ephraim Zox, M.L.A., had another interview with the Premier this morning with regard to the alleged abduction from the colony of a number of children by the Pollard Opera Troupe.

Mr. Service had in the meantime consulted the Cabinet, which he said had arrived at the decision that nothing could be done in the matter by the Government. Unless each individual case was specifically dealt with by the parents—who must show exactly the terms on which their children

were engaged—the Government is unable at present to do more than has been done. Mr. Salinger, the father of two of the kidnapped children, having in vain applied to Pollard by letter for restoration of the girls, and having consequently been compelled to go to Calcutta, applied to the Chief Magistrate of that city for redress. The applicant stated that Pollard had not replied to his letters. The applicant's girls were restored to him at Calcutta, but he applied for restoration of two others on behalf of their parents. Pollard refused to allow any communication with other girls. The Court said that it could not interfere, but it would be different if the parents of the girls were there and sought redress.

ONE of Mary Anderson's first stage lessons was from the veteran actor, Vandenhof. She was very poor then, but entirely determined towards the stage, and at first he tried to dissuade her by demanding \$10 for ten lessons, paid in advance. But a week or two afterwards she came to him, and said simply: "With many sacrifices I have raised the money, and now please I want to begin." So she recited a piece; and he gruffly advised her to go back home and try some other way of earning a living. "I thought you said your terms were \$10 in advance for teaching," she said. "And he taught her, for her piece." Miss Anderson has always been much what she called a "quack," off she went, and she was only a girl, who rolled her handkerchief over her finger, and shifted restlessly from one chair to another till she had circumvented the whole room. "She was frank, though—honest—no sham—perfectly at her ease with any one."—*Sydney Bulletin*.

SUSPECTED WILFUL POISONING OF TWO CHINESE IN HONGKONG.

The inquiry into the cause of the death of the two Chinese supposed to have been poisoned by a man in the custody of the Police, was resumed to-day at the Magistrate's before the Coroner, Mr. H. E. Wudchouso, and a jury composed of Messrs G. B. Naimith, E. Obadiah, and T. O'Hanli. The following evidence was taken:—

The wife of the deceased gentleman was recalled, and stated:—I have known prisoner since August, 1882; when my husband was out of employment and borrowed \$4 from him. My husband was out of work a long time and only obtained employment about a month ago. We had to borrow money from other people besides prisoner.

The landlady of the house where the poisoning occurred was then called, and she knew the deceased gentleman, and also the last witness, who was his wife. He had rented the cockloft from her for \$1.50 per month since the 15th August, 1883, and had paid the rent regularly. The prisoner had lived with deceased's family as a friend since the beginning of January this year. She did not know what prisoner did, but went out in the morning and returned in the evening. She had heard the deceased gentleman and prisoner quarrelling about some money, and when deceased ordered prisoner away, the latter refused to go, and said:—I want my \$4 before I go away.

Witnesses yesterday afternoon I was awake by last witness calling out from the cockloft. I was in the sitting room. I got up and called the watchman from the window. I next went to the cockloft, and prevented prisoner from leaving. She then went to the kitchen, and I stopped him as the last witness said: "We are all giddy; we shall die; do not let him go. He was in the cockloft, and he has given us poison." The last witness called out to prisoner to save her husband. The watchman then came, and prisoner was in the room. I stepped him from going out by catching hold of his jacket. He did not struggle. The watchman arrested him. When I went into the cockloft the last witness was holding the child in her arms, saying:—My son, my son, my son. The last witness was lying down in the bed. The last witness was also giddy. There was a bowl of soup on the table. The three were in the room and said: "All try to save them." When he tried to run away, he said he was going to buy something. I got the duck's blood before the watchman came. My son was with prisoner at that time. Defendant gave the deceased the duck's blood, but I don't know whether it did any good or not. My husband was in the room when he was taken away. He was lying down in the bed. He always slept at home. Deceased and his wife only had one quarrel since they have been in the house. The husband was annoyed because he could not get work. I do not think the husband had anything to do with the poisoning. The wife was out sometimes to work. She was a respectable woman, and never had any quarrel about any other man. I don't think the husband knew there was poison in the soup. I could not say if the last witness was going to buy something. I got the duck's blood before the watchman came. My son was with prisoner at that time. Defendant gave the deceased the duck's blood, but I don't know whether it did any good or not. My husband was in the room when he was taken away. He was lying down in the bed. 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